

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided an image search apparatus which can display a search result more preferably when a search is made for an image upon designation of a keyword or object, and can efficiently searches for a desired image from the displayed search result. An image feature designation unit (104) designates a feature of a search target image. A candidate image decision unit (105) searches the feature of the partial images on the basis of the designated feature of the image, and determines, as a candidate image, an image which is made to correspond to the partial image obtained on the basis of the search result. A search result display unit (106) displays enlarges the partial image included in the determined candidate image to a predetermined size and displays a reduced image of the candidate image.